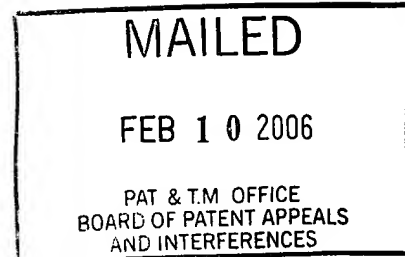


UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES



Ex parte ROBERT W. TORRES and PHIL M. OSHITA

Application No. 09/919,326

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on January 13, 2006. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

On October 28, 2005, the examiner has mailed an examiner's answer. In the Evidence Relied Upon section, page 3, paragraph (8), the examiner has stated that "No evidence is relied upon by the examiner in the rejection of the claims under appeal." A review of the file reveals that references were applied to the statement of rejections in the Grounds of Rejection section, paragraph (9), of the examiner's answer. Before further review,


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Before further review, the examiner must submit a corrected examiner's answer that will include in the Evidence Relied Upon section, the list of references mentioned in the statement of rejection.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that this application be returned to the examiner to: 1) vacate the examiner's answer and issue a revised Examiner's Answer having the missing references listed under the Evidence Relied Upon section; and 2) for such further action as may be appropriate.

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